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VETERANS DAY

Honoring all who served

Sharing his secrets

WWII codebreaker tells his story at area high schools

By Marc Kovac
The Columbus Dispatch

For years, John Bergmann dutifully described an incident at an Army training range during the early days of his World War II-era enlistment whenever someone asked about his prosthetic right eye.

"I had a Springfield rifle, it misfired, the bolt hit me," he said.

No one ever questioned the story, but that wasn't what actually happened.

The Upper Arlington man was long sworn to secrecy and couldn't say that a grenade or land mine or some other explosive tripped by a Kachin Indian in northern Burma hit him in the face and put him in a military hospital just weeks after he joined the service in 1941.

Bergmann also couldn't say anything about his meetings with

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A war-era telegraph key sits on display at Bergmann's home.

John Bergmann, an Army veteran of World War II, poses for a portrait at his home in Upper Arlington. Bergmann, 97, is the last-surviving member of his codebreaking unit.
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VISIT TO ASIA

Trump turns inward on trade

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis and Mark Landler
The New York Times

DANANG, Vietnam — President Donald Trump on Friday vowed to protect U.S. interests against foreign exploitation, preaching a starkly unilateralist approach to a group of leaders who once pinned their economic hopes on a regional trade pact led by the United States.

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INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Offenders on parole told they still can change

By Beth Burger
The Columbus Dispatch

"You've got to pay attention to this. You've got to be awake for this," Fred Benton, a defense attorney, told them. "The law is looking for you."

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